

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1414–1421, and S. Res. 238–239. **Page S4911**

Measures Passed:

Christopher S. Bond United States Courthouse: Senate passed S. 846, to designate the United States courthouse located at 80 Lafayette Street in Jefferson City, Missouri, as the Christopher S. Bond United States Courthouse. **Pages S4914–15**

Myron Donovan Crocker United States Courthouse: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 1406, to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 510 19th Street, Bakersfield, California, as the Myron Donovan Crocker United States Courthouse, and the bill was then passed. **Page S4915**

Flood Insurance Reform Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that H.R. 1309, to extend the authorization of the national flood insurance program, to achieve reforms to improve the financial integrity and stability of the program, and to increase the role of private markets in the management of flood insurance risk, be discharged from the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, and that it be returned to the House of Representatives, pursuant to their Message on July 25, 2011, requesting its return. **Page S4915**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 117), Paul A. Engelmayer, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Pages S4893–94, S4915**

Ramona Villagomez Manglona, of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands for a term of ten years. **Pages S4893–94, S4915**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert S. Mueller III, of California, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a term expiring September 4, 2013.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

29 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Messages from the House:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—117) **Page S4894**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 27, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4915.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of General Martin E. Dempsey, USA for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Martin J. Gruenberg, of Maryland, to be Chairperson and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, who was introduced by former Senator Paul Sarbanes; Thomas J. Curry, of Massachusetts, to be Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; and S. Roy Woodall, Jr., of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council, who was introduced by Senator Nelson (NE), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DEFICIT REDUCTION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on deficit reduction, focusing on a review of key issues, after receiving testimony from Lawrence B. Lindsey, former Director, National Economic Council, Fairfax, Virginia, on behalf of the Lindsey Group; Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities; Michael Ettlinger, Center for American Progress Action Fund; and Chris Edwards, Cato Institute; all of Washington, DC.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1280, to amend the Peace Corps Act to require sexual assault risk-reduction and response training, and the development of sexual assault protocol and guidelines, the establishment of victims advocates, and the establishment of a Sexual Assault Advisory Council, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 216, encouraging women's political participation in Saudi Arabia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Con. Res. 17, expressing the sense of Congress that Taiwan should be accorded observer status in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO);

S. Res. 175, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to ongoing violations of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Georgia and the importance of a peaceful and just resolution to the conflict within Georgia's internationally recognized borders;

Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, signed at Kigali on February 19, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110–23);

Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the

Republic of Hungary for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 4, 2010, at Budapest (the “proposed Convention”) and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on February 4, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 111–07);

Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the “proposed Protocol”) and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111–08);

Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on October 2, 1996, signed on September 23, 2009, at Washington, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on September 23, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 112–01);

Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bermuda relating to Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Hamilton on January 12, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111–06);

The nominations of Derek J. Mitchell, of Connecticut, to be Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Burma, with the rank of Ambassador, Frankie Annette Reed, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati, Paul D. Wohlers, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, William H. Moser, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Thomas M. Countryman, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Non-Proliferation, Jeffrey DeLaurentis, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, Earl Anthony Wayne, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Mexico, Arnold A. Chacon, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, Sung Y. Kim, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, David S.

Adams, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, all of the Department of State; and

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine small business contracts, focusing on how oversight failures and regulatory loopholes allow large businesses to get and keep small business contracts, after receiving testimony from Joseph G. Jordan, Associate Administrator for Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration; Mauricio P. Vera, Chief, Interagency Council of Federal Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Directors, and Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, United States Agency for International Development; and Mindy Connolly, Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration.

FEDERAL WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR INJURED EMPLOYEES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine Federal workers' compensation program for injured employees, including S. 261, to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for reform relating to Federal employees workers' compensation, focusing on questions to consider in changing benefits for older beneficiaries, after receiving testimony from Christine M. Griffin, Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management; Gary Steinberg, Acting Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor; Andrew Sherrill, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; Joseph A. Beaudoin, National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), Alexandria, Virginia; Gregory Krohm, International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions, Madison, Wisconsin; and Ron Watson, Washington, DC, on

behalf of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC).

AMERICAN DREAM AND MIDDLE CLASS FAMILIES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine building a ladder of opportunity, focusing on what's working to make the American dream a reality for middle class families, after receiving testimony from Hilda L. Solis, Secretary of Labor; Tom Prinske, T. Castro Produce Company, Chicago, Illinois; Deborah King, 1199SEIU Training and Employment Funds, and Sarah Corey, IceStone, both of New York, New York; and Kenneth P. Green, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC.

ECONOMIC IMPERATIVE FOR ENACTING IMMIGRATION REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security concluded a hearing to examine the economic imperative for enacting immigration reform, after receiving testimony from Mayor Laurent F. Gilbert, Sr., Lewiston, Maine; Mayor David R. Roefaro, Utica, New York; Mayor Paul Bridges, Uvalda, Georgia; Bob Greifeld, NASDAQ OMX, New York, New York; David J. Skorton, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York; Brad Smith, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington; Puneet Arora, Immigration Voice, Los Angeles, California; and Ronil Hira, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Matthew G. Olsen, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Conrad, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.